

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 12, and ending at page 18, line 23 as follows:

--Accordingly, four sub-regions having different tilt directions, which are partitioned by edges of a pixel electrode 190, a cutout 271 bisecting the pixel electrode 190, and an imaginary transverse center line passing through the meeting point of the oblique portions of the cutout 271, are formed in a pixel region of the LC layer 3, which are located on the pixel electrode 190. Each sub-region has two major edges defined by the cutout 271 and an oblique edge of the pixel electrode 190, respectively, which are spaced apart preferably from about 10 microns to about 30 microns, as shown by arrows A in Fig. 3. The number of the sub-regions in a pixel region is preferably four if the planar area of the pixel region is smaller than about 100.times.300 square microns, and, if not, it is preferably four or eight. The number of the sub-regions can be varied by changing the number of the cutouts 271 of the common electrode 270, by providing cutouts at the pixel electrodes 190, or by changing the number of curved points of the edges of the pixel electrodes 190. The sub-regions are classified into a plurality of, preferably four, domains based on the tilt directions.--